

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

CANDIDATES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

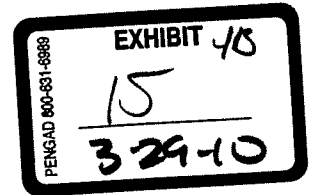
NOTICE: The information requested herein is needed to assist the Committee in its investigation of candidates for the Public Service Commission. This questionnaire is the initial step in the investigation of your candidacy. A completed questionnaire should be returned to the Committee as soon as possible, but in any event no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2010. (Use and attach separate sheets, if necessary.)

PLEASE SPECIFY THE SEAT FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE): District 6

1. Full Name: Mr. Gary Brice Porth

Home Address: 164 Haigler Circle, Cameron, SC 29030

2. Date of Birth: 1954



6. List each institution of higher learning you attended, including dates of attendance and degrees awarded. Please provide an official transcript no later than the date of your screening hearing. If you left any institution without receiving a degree, state the reason for leaving.

Clemson University – August 1972 thru December 1976 – BS Degree

Charleston School of Law – August 2005 thru May 2008 – Juris Doctor – Admitted to SC Bar November 16, 2009

7. List any continuing education courses or other professional education or training programs that you have attended in the past five years.

Trained and certified as a Juvenile Arbitrator by the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office in Charleston, SC. – served as a volunteer Juvenile Arbitrator in cases in the Ninth Circuit.

Attended "Bridge the Gap" – a program sponsored by the South Carolina Bar designed to aid in the transition between law school and the practice of law.

8. Have you been employed or held any position in any of the following areas?

- ☐ (a) energy issues
- ☐ (b) telecommunications issues
- ☐ (c) consumer protection and advocacy issues
- ☒ (d) water and wastewater issues
- ☐ (e) finance, economics, and statistics
- ☐ (f) accounting
- ☐ (g) engineering
- ☒ (h) law

Please provide the duration of your employment or service and details about the nature of the work or the position.

I worked as a grading and clearing contractor from 1977-2005 and was involved in many projects dealing with both water and wastewater issues.

I began the study of law in August 2005 at the Charleston School of Law. During the summer of 2006 I worked as a law clerk at the Columbia law firm of Whetstone, Myers, Perkins & Young where I researched and wrote memoranda, summarized depositions, and performed other tasks as directed.

During the summer of 2007, I worked in Orangeburg for the Honorable David Pascoe in the First Circuit Solicitor's office as a clerk. I continued working in his Summerville office during my 3rd year of law school where I assisted with the Pre-trial Intervention program.

10. Have you ever held public office? If so, provide details, including the office, whether elected or appointed, the length and dates of your service. Also, state whether or not you timely filed reports with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty. If so, provide details, including dates.

Yes. Was elected to the District 4 seat on the Calhoun County School District Board of Trustees in November 1988 – Served a four year term ending in November 1992.

Was elected to the District 1 seat on the Calhoun County School District Board of Trustees in November 1996 – Served a four year term ending in November 2000.

Was re-elected to the District 1 seat on the Calhoun County School District Board of Trustees for successive four year terms in November 2000, November 2004, and November 2008 (am currently serving this term which expires in November 2012)

Timely reports have been filed with the State Ethics Commission during the period I have held public office with the exception of one occasion in which I missed a filing deadline and had to pay a fine of \$100.00. I don't have any record of when this occurred, but to the best of my recollection it was sometime during the period of 1996 - 2000. I called the SC State Ethics Commission and spoke with a Ms. Wiggins to inquire as to the date of the occurrence and was told they don't have any record of it. Ms. Wiggins said they only keep records for four years, she searched and did not find any record of this occurrence.

In the spirit of full disclosure, I want to say that it was an oversight and I didn't realize I had missed the deadline until I received a letter from the Ethics Commission. The form was promptly filed and the fine paid. In my 17+ years serving as a member of the Calhoun County Board of Trustees all other reports have been timely filed.

11. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, provide details, including dates.

I was defeated in a re-election bid for the District 4 seat on the Calhoun County School District Board of Trustees in November 1992.

12. Please list in chronological order any employment of you by any governmental agency (whether full time or part time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise). Provide dates of employment, name of employer, name of supervisor, and major job responsibilities.

First Circuit Solicitor's Office - served as a part time clerk for Solicitor David Pascoe from June 2007 thru February 2008 (while attending law school)

13. Please list in chronological order any occupation, business, or profession in which you have been engaged or employed (other than serving in a public office or being employed by a governmental agency). Please briefly note the nature of your work during each period.

1977 – 2005 Worked as a manger/equipment operator for Porth Construction Company; supervising road, water and foundation construction; coordinated cost estimations and project bidding

30. List all professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups.

South Carolina Bar
South Carolina Association of Justice
American Bar Association

31. List all civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five (5) years.

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Charleston Rifle Club, Calhoun Country Club, IPTAY

33. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons, including your banker, from whom references could be required. Also, furnish this Committee with letters of recommendation from each person listed herein.

- 1) Michael Weeks
- 2) Charles W. Whetstone
- 3) Andrew L. Abrams
- 4) John G. Felder, Sr., Esquire
- 5) Dr. Anne S. Crook

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY RECORD INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature:

Date: January 28, 2010